

them about anything in Rome - And all this in the heart of  
Paris. Another day through the Egyptian portion of the  
Louvre museum, where one doamed. back upon old Egypt,  
where I had a look again upon some old favorite pictures  
of the modern French school - They do tell their story won-  
derfully; & it is a little curious that the French style of  
pictures are so much less theatrical, as we call it, than  
English pictures or the Eng. stage - There is a superb history  
of Psyche, & the scene her feelings that I go, in the old times! And  
a very sweet & pathetic burial of Virginia, from Paul & Virginia.  
One day Charles & the girls went to Versailles, it was too much  
for me to attempt, & they saw the Luxembourg & saw so many  
things I had & content myself with the only memories of -  
Wednesday Ev. we went to the Opera & saw the Prophete.  
I enjoyed the music much more than I expected, it  
was full of rich strains & grand harmonies - It was  
all well acted & well sung, without any wonderful  
stars, Fides, the mother, was acted with a good deal of  
patience, & sincerely. Some of the French pieces were  
magnificent - The spectacle was wonderful - One scene  
is in winter & the peasant boys & girls come in a troop, by  
course on parlor seats, but done with wonderful ease &  
grace, & imitation of all the motions & scales - The two  
leaders went through such charmingly graceful figures,  
whether such a contrast for true grace & movement &

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My dear Lee,

My journal has fallen dreadfully  
into arrears, & it seems an immense time to  
go back & take it up in Paris, Aug. 10th! Monday  
morn. we went to have our photographs taken &  
Lizzie & Annie were, I think, quite successful - We  
had first tried the man who has the greatest reputa-  
tion for difficult people, but we found him quite  
too proud for quiet people like us, - Took an attendant  
footman in the waiting-room, & "would send you a  
written notice a few days beforehand, as soon as his  
engagements would allow!" - They say you should sit  
there months for a bust, & prepare you to sit to Leizler,  
He had Nadar - Then, when that important & taxing  
work was over, we went to see the "Sainte Vierge", a  
wonderful little jewel of colour, which no one noticed  
within three feet of her; they were at work when we  
were abroad to go - Then after a good deal of fuss in  
going to the office for tickets, we got into the Conciergerie,  
& saw the cell, left very much as it was, where Marie  
Antoinette was confined, - After her trial & condemna-  
tion - A dreary, dark little place, & where through a  
grating, she was watched night & day. John & the Princes

adjoints, where the Girondins had their supper, the  
night before, were executed. Then we went to  
see Notre Dame, & was charmed with the beauty  
of the front, the great frieze of statues running across it -  
But in Paris they are rebuilding tearing down the  
masses - In front of Notre Dame they are rebuilding the  
great hospital "Hôtel Dieu", & removing some old bits  
that crowd upon the G. - Then we went to see the  
solon, tomb in the Invalides - A wonderful massive  
Column where he lies(?) in a magnificent case, of  
red polished porphyry, & his great name above in  
gold - After all that I went back to be quiet the  
rest of the day, & so had a call from our old landlady  
when we were in Paris before, Madame de Martigny, who  
was lively & entertaining <sup>as ever</sup> - Told me, with all a French  
woman's frankness, I was changed! I was not bad  
looking now, I retained some good looks! But then,  
when I was in Paris before, I was "si jolie, si jolie!"  
She evidently mourned for my case, over the Cape of  
Horn! He saw her several times, met her at dinner, & she  
came to call, & she was very entertaining & sharp &  
bright - When she saw my neat little case for journal,  
addresses, &c. she admired it, & said it was English -  
"Ah, no doubt! They spend their lives in unlocking & locking  
up, & cleaning!" - "Je deteste les Anglais!" "Surtout la femme!"

& she imitated the washing of hands! The so family  
hit off some of the little weaknesses one meets! - But she  
lays in the shoulders of the unfortunate English in the Com-  
mercial spirit which she saw pervades & ruins the Paris  
of today, & pronounced long & eloquent tirades over the  
changes of French society, & its loss of wit & brilliancy &  
intelligence - Tuesday Dr. pay went to pass a day  
in the country, to visit a place where was a large collec-  
tion of trees, & meadows - we ladies tried to finish up  
our shopping - Had one pleasant excursion for artificial  
flowers, it is a real pleasure to see how beautiful they  
are, & what close imitations of nature, - some buds the water  
leaves a little stained & curled, by an insect, & so perfect  
it is impossible to smell them! -

The rest of the week was filled up with Hotel d'Orléans,  
& its wonderful & interesting collection of medicinal  
things, such beautiful wood carvings, & work in ivory &  
ivory & metals - Old armor, furniture, & centric  
& lace - State Carriage wonderfully gorgeous but very awkward  
things to ride in, sedan chairs with delicate landscapes  
painted outside, & lined in some soft silk that must  
have been a charming set off to a pretty creature inside,  
& the old building itself a delightful specimen of an  
old medieval dwelling, & in such a pretty garden, in  
which are the remains of Roman baths more perfect

story below, & then the little framed compartments, bas-reliefs  
of scenes from the Bible or the lives of saints - He were  
in such a comfortable, plain, neat, little French inn!  
The maid seemed to think it a pleasure to wait  
upon us! And the kitchen next the dining-room was  
brilliant with copper & tin, & neatness -

We left at 10 1/2, & were soon at <sup>Boulogne</sup> ~~Dunkirk~~, found the  
sea as smooth as it sometimes is, when one keeps on deck by  
shutting one's eyes & thinking of nothing. Though Dr. Jay ag-  
gravated people, by promenadeing the deck & eating papers  
in the most jovial manner - The boat was so crowded that  
a seat seemed a favor - It is a shame on that great route,  
the accommodation is so poor! - He got some lunch at  
Folkestone, & then Chock & jolted by express to London,  
finding also plenty of dust & cinders - One poor fact, &  
that is all one can say of praise - He went to the  
Charing Cross Hotel, an enormous, new affair, no dipping  
old fashions so much as to have a dining room where one  
could go for meals, & so need not take a parlour - But our  
chamber was barely room to squeeze round, in with the great  
English bedsteads - What asks they are! - Dr. Jay was  
brought to Spring St. where northward was last autumn,  
& found Profs Godwin & Lovins there - And next morn-  
ing we moved there - He had to have a barber, & it was by  
no means cheap - But London is not cheap -

Find French love to you all, from your ever aff. J. G. G.

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vision & the reader in the ballet-dance which ac-  
crued, were all to admire. Seem "trou de force", &  
"brilliant" flashes & changes of the different gay colors in  
the dresses, & extraordinary displays of legs at right angles.  
It seems as if now-a-days the taste for pure beauty were  
diminishing, & what catches the eye of people admiring,  
are strange contrasts & bright flashes of color & grotesque  
outlines - But one scene where a portion of a cathedral  
is introduced on the stage, & some boys & girls throwing  
& lowering, & similaris & attendants, soldiers & trumpeters,  
the crowd of spectators are all before you, is very enjoy-  
ment! The music is very grand, & all is so carried out  
K. & L. said it was more impressive than any of the  
Paster ceremonies in Rome! - It is the crowning of the  
Prophet - I suppose there were more than 200 people  
on the stage - You may imagine how large it is - But  
I was disappointed in the theatre as far as spectators  
went; it is dingy & dull - colored, - gay dresses & effects  
seemed quite lost - Sunday was a great day, the  
100th anniversary of Napoleon's 1st's birth day, & the  
fete day of the Empress - I did not get out in the morning,  
but the other went to church & then to visit Dame &  
hear the grand Le Deum, & saw something of the gay  
streets hung with flags; & the Exp. the illuminations &  
display of fireworks was very superb - But unfortunately, the

time & said a little impudence in eating all came to a  
denial, & I had to go to bed. - And so Paris was pretty much  
over for me - I got out the day before we left for one more  
look at some of the pictures in the Louvre, the beautiful  
Italian, Leonardo's Mona Lisa, Rembrandt's Lady, the  
Rolle Jardinere, the beautiful Cascade Landscapes, &  
the enchanting Murillos - But the girls had to complete  
our shopping, & I must leave the rest undone - I ad-  
mired to one's fatigue the impunctuality of most of the  
society-people - The dress-maker was to come to try on at 8 1/2  
& it would be nearly ten! The gentlemen waiting for us  
to go out, & sending the idleness of needing all these things,  
breakfast a couple of things arriving, & the same when we  
got home in the day, bills to be paid, other things did  
not for a moment be altered, dear me! I am glad it  
is all over - However it was generally all right in the  
end, & things quite satisfactory, though the last day  
our dresses kept coming in parts, first the back of  
one & the corsage of another & the over skirt of a third,  
& it was not until 10 at night everything had ar-  
rived! - But meantime the packing had gone on, the  
boxes for Liverpool, & the things to go to England with  
us, what the girls needed for their journey, &c, &c, &  
the chais cleared up - But my great disappointment  
was, Dr. Gray that we must give up the excursion to

Brittany, & let C. & the girls go alone if they would, which  
at last they decided to do - So Thursday <sup>Dec. 19th</sup> noon Dr. Gray &  
I departed for the Northern road, & they for the Western  
We had seen some Americans in Paris, Mr. Bemis, &  
Frank Scartlett, &c - But we had no time to make calls  
or be polite, & all the regular American inhabitants were  
out of town for August - One thing was greatly in  
our favor in Paris it was so cold! Just think in  
August of mopping up to go out at noon, as I should  
the 1st of October at home! -

Dr. Gray & I were to stop at Amiens for the night,  
& we got there in time for him to go & take a look  
at the grand Cathedral while I was lying down,  
& then I had a walk through before dinner, & first  
went round the outside behind, & then in to see the  
grand arches & columns, the magnificent east & west  
windows, such a mass of confused & yet regular  
brilliance & colour that would be dazzling were  
it not so soft, & the finely carved stall seats,  
the Curious Stone. Vascelly's <sup>on the outside walls of</sup> ~~crossing~~ the choir,  
one the story of John the Baptist, whose death &  
the subsequent scenes of Herodias, I send a photo of  
You must look at it with a microscope - Next  
morn. we went again & studied the front, so won-  
derfully rich; especially the porch, with rows of  
figures above, then smaller series & a different